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SUBJ: NCNA COMMENTS ON DEATH OF EX-"KMT WAR CRIMINAL" IN HONG KONG

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1. EXPANDING THE FRONT AND DIRECTLY ENTERING THE FRAY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG APRIL 14 OF THE TEN RECENTLY AMNESTIED EX-"KMT WAR CIRIMINALS", NCNA ON JUNE 14 CHARGED THAT CHANG TIEH-SHIH'S "ABRUPT DEATH" RESULTED FROM THE CHIANG CLIQUE'S "PERSECUTION AND INTIMIDATION".

2. THE ARTICLE FOCUSES ON THE SHARPLY CONTRASTING ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS OF THE TAIPEI AND PEKING SIDES IN RESPONDING TO CHANG'S DESIRE TO REUNITE WITH HIS FAMILY ON TAIWAN. IT PAINTS A PICTURE OF SINISTER EFFORTS BY A "FAULT FINDING" CHIANG CLIQUE AND ITS "BOGUS 'PRESIDENT'" YEN CHIA-KAN TO "SMEAR" THE EX-POWS AS SPIES AND TOOLS OF CHINA'S UNITED FRONT IN AN EFFORT TO OBSTRUCT THEIR ENTRY TO TAIWAN. IT FURTHER CHARGES THE GRC
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WITH ATTEMPTING TO SHIRK RESPONSIBILITY EVEN AFTER CHANG'S

DEATH. IN CONTRAST, THE PRC AND ITS LOCAL CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE (ICKTS) REPRESENTATIVES ARE PORTRAYED AS ACTING IN A DECIDEDLY MAGNANIMOUS AND COMPLETELY OPEN AND ABOVE BOARD MANNER IN CARING FOR AN ASSISTING CHANG AND THE OTHER NINE MEN. ALTHOUGH THE ARTICLE AVOIDS MENTIONING CHANG'S APPARENT SUICIDE, IT NOTES THAT HIS DEATH OCCURRED AFTER HE MOVED FROM ICKTS-PROVIDED ACCOMMODATIONS INTO A HOTEL OWNED BY "ELEMENTS OF THE CHIANG CLIQUE." IT CONCLUDES THAT TAIWAN'S HANDLING OF THE CHANG CHASE "PROVES TO THE HILT THE CRUELTY AND FEEBLENESS OF CHIANG CHING-KUO'S REACTIONARY RULE".

3. COMMENT: NCNA HAS RAISED THE LEVEL OF THE PROPAGANDA ATTACK BUT PROBABLY WEIGHS IN NOW BECAUSE THE STORY IS ABOUT TO BE PLAYED OUT, AND THERE IS LITTLE TAIPEI CAN DO NOW TO REVERSE WHAT HAS BEEN AN UNMITIGATED PROPAGANDA DEFEAT FOR THE GRC.
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